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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)
(BOARD ORDER #83 - JUNE 15, 1999)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the report of key GROW statistics for March 2004 and an update on the GROW Program.

We placed 1,004 GROW participants in jobs during the month of March. A total of 48,768 job placements have been achieved.

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
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GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

MARCH 2004

MONTH	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT		JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS			JOB PLACEMENTS	SELF-INITIATED PROGRAMS (SIPS)
	Scheduled	Showed	Scheduled	Showed	Completions (1)		Ongoing Enrollments
March	5,844	4,218 (72%)	2,333	1,266 (54%)	875	1,004	1,034

MONTH	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS		EDUCATION/ TRAINING		SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REFERRALS	GROW CASELOAD	SANCTIONS
2004	Scheduled	Showed	Started	Completions	(2)		
March	610	467 (76%)	153	19	325	37,547	1,589

Note:

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

GROW UPDATE MARCH 2004

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 48,768 participants have become employed through the GROW program.

- Civic Center GROW, in collaboration with Metro Special GROW, Los Angeles Mission, Union Rescue Mission, LACOE and LAUSD, hosted "The 3rd Annual Connecting Employment and People for Success Career" job fair on 3/25 at the Los Angeles Mission. This event hosted 18 employers and over 300 participants were in attendance.
- Pomona GROW held an on-site recruitment on 3/18 with Prestige Personnel, FedEx and Ameri-Staff. Thirty participants were in attendance and hires are still pending.
- Pasadena GROW held on-site recruitment activities on 3/16 and 3/30 with Securitech and Kelly Home Care. Over 30 participants attended these events and one has been hired thus far.
- Throughout the month, Rancho Park held recruitment activities with various employers including Adecco and Apple One. Over 60 participants attended these events and seven have been hired thus far.
- Metro Special GROW held on-site recruitment activities on 3/10, 3/18 and 3/22 with CRST Trucking and the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. Over 30 participants attended these activities and hires are still pending.
- Glendale GROW held various recruitment activities throughout the month. Employers included Volt Services Group, Universal Protection Services, Drake Staffing, American Security Group, Best Buy, Trader Joe's and Washington Mutual Bank.
- On 3/4, 3/11, 3/18 and 3/25, South Special GROW held recruitment activities with BenchMark and Link Staffing. Over 90 participants attended these events and 19 have been hired.
- On 3/3, South Central GROW held a recruitment activity with Ameristaff.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through March 2004, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 50%.